PROCLAMATION

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Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2667 as passed by the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

Coming into the 87th Legislative Session, everyone knew the Legislature needed to consider significant reforms on broadband and the Texas Universal Service Fund. Transformational broadband reform was achieved through multiple bills that have been signed into law, which significantly expand broadband access in Texas, especially in rural areas. Yet the only meaningful change made to the Texas Universal Service Fund was, in House Bill 2667, to expand the number of people paying fees. It would have imposed a new fee on millions of Texans.

Since the Eighty-Seventh Texas Legislature, Regular Session, by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.

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IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 18th day of June, 2021.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

JOSE A ESPARZA

Deputy Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

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